In the Matter Of:

In Re: LTL Management, LLC

ADAM PULASKI June 14, 2023



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1 thousand cases open within your office 2 relating to talc, in which your firm is lead

3 counsel, have you run any reports recently to

4 gain an understanding as to the nature of the

5 injuries claimed by those claimants?

A. Again, it's difficult to run a 7 report because it has to be run from six 8 different places, and it's not all housed in

9 one area right now.

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10 So, what I can tell you is that I 11 believe -- 9,000 cases are closed. Which

12 means we rejected it for one reason or

13 another. Or it was rejected by counsel we are

14 joint venturing with.

15 Of the 6,000-plus that remain open,

16 I know that over 5,000 of them claim to have

17 some type of gynecological cancer that is what

18 some may say are the more compensable cases;

19 right. Which would be ovarian, or fallopian,

20 or peritoneal cancer.

21 And then less than -- I want to say

22 less than a thousand. I don't have an exact

23 number for you. Less than a thousand would be

24 those that are uterine cancer or some other

25 type of cancer that may not be on that list.

release to sign, to my understanding, at this 2 point.

3 And so, I don't really -- I want to

4 answer your question, but I don't know that -they are in a settlement process but I don't

believe they have been resolved. 6

7 Q. Have any claims of clients that you 8 are lead counsel on, or your firm is lead 9 counsel on, been resolved through a resolution

10 with Johnson & Johnson or any of its

11 affiliates?

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A. None. 12

Q. Okay.

Did you look at any other 14

15 information in the database other than open

and closed files? 16

A. Not particularly. 17

Q. Okay.

And with regard to the 6,000-plus 19 open files, do you have an understanding as to 20

when the files were opened?

A. With respect to the 6,000? 22

Q. Yes.

A. I would say from 2018 or 2019, to 24

25 present. No. Probably 2019 to present.

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1 Q. Okay. Do you have any open mesothelioma cases?

3 A. I think we have two that we are 4 looking at.

5 Q. All right.

We're going to come back to some of 6 7 this. But just so that I understand, for the

closed files, you indicated you looked at

9 closed files as well. There are 9,000 closed

10 files, approximately?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And were any of those files closed

13 because they were resolved with

14 Johnson & Johnson or any of its affiliates? 15

A. No.

Q. Have you resolved any talcum powder 16 17 related case, regardless of what the injury 18 is, with Johnson & Johnson?

19 A. Depends on what you mean by

20 resolved. Some of our clients are part of

21 Mark Lanier's settlement process. Those are 22 not ones that I'm lead counsel on.

23 At this point, some of them -- and

24 so, I -- they have not been paid yet. They

25 have not been fully satisfied. There is no

1 Q. Do you have any better understanding -- withdrawn. 2

Do you have any more specific understanding as to when the 6,000-plus files were opened?

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MS. RASMUSSEN: Objection to the form of the question.

THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Can

9 you repeat the question? BY MR. SILVERSTEIN: 10

11 Q. Do you have any more specific understanding as to when the 6,000 plus files 12

were opened? 13

> MS. RASMUSSEN: Objection to the form of the question.

THE WITNESS: I want to answer your question, but I don't really know exactly what you're asking me.

But assuming if you're asking me like, how many were open in 2019 and how many were open in 2020 and 2021, I am assuming it was pretty evenly spread out.

But I can't tell you exactly that

24 that's the case.

25 BY MR. SILVERSTEIN:

Page 25 Page 27 1 Q. And what -- what leads you to assume 1 testimony did you review? 2 that they were evenly spread out? 2 A. So, honestly, I reviewed the 3 MS. RASMUSSEN: Object to form. testimony -- probably shouldn't have -- on my 4 THE WITNESS: Just from my phone, while I was driving into the office. So it was sporadic at best, and I kind of just 5 recollection of us intaking and getting 6 referred cases over the last three years. 6 flipped through it. 7 7 BY MR. SILVERSTEIN: I -- there was testimony about Mikal 8 Q. Is your recollection that the -not being involved over the last months. 9 your firm's inventory grew at approximately Because of his absence, there was some 10 the same pace, year over year, since you began testimony about the optimization of the plan, 11 intaking these types of cases? 11 while in his absence. A. I --12 12 And there was some testimony as it 13 MS. RASMUSSEN: Objection to the 13 related to his negotiations with Mr. Haas and 14 form of the question. with JNJ, as it related to the plan itself, 15 And Adam, may we have an agreement 15 and getting to where I guess others began to that an objection by one is an objection get involved. 16 16 17 Q. I noticed yesterday -- because I 17 for all? 18 listened to the deposition as well -- that 18 THE WITNESS: Sure. 19 you -- somebody with your name was logged on. MR. SILVERSTEIN: Yeah. I think 19 20 that I would -- I would prefer that. 20 Did you sit through the deposition? 21 MS. RASMUSSEN: Two Adams here. A. No. Actually, I turned the 21 22 THE WITNESS: Sorry. 22 deposition on and I was going to listen to it 23 MR. SILVERSTEIN: All right. 23 for a minute. I was probably on for five 24 So, we'll just agree that the question is 24 minutes. 25 objected to in advance. But I'm going to 25 And I was out of town for work. I Page 26 Page 28 ask it again. 1 walked into the meeting and I actually thought 2 BY MR. SILVERSTEIN: 2 I turned the deposition off. And then an hour 3 Q. Mr. Pulaski, is it your recollection and a half through my meeting, I realized that 4 that your firm's inventory of there was a noise coming from my pocket and I 5 Johnson & Johnson cosmetic talcum powder cases hadn't disconnected the Zoom. 5 6 grew at approximately the same rate, year over 6 So I was not really on the Zoom, I 7 year, since you began intaking those cases? 7 don't think longer than five minutes. 8 A. I can't tell you that they grew at 8 Q. Where are you today? 9 approximately the same rate. But I can tell 9 A. I'm in my office in Houston. 10 you that I am unaware of any significant Q. And where were you yesterday during 10 11 changes or spikes in the number of cases that 11 the deposition? 12 were coming in over the last three years. A. I was in Fort Worth. 12 13 Q. And does your database indicate when 13 Q. Okay. 14 the file was opened? 14 You also testified that you reviewed 15 A. Yes. 15 the Plan Support Agreement. Why did you do 16 Q. Did you run a report indicating 16 that? 17 the -- the number of Johnson & Johnson 17 MS. RASMUSSEN: Objection to 18 cosmetic talcum powder cases opened in any 18 form. THE WITNESS: I hadn't looked at 19 particular year? 19 A. Yes. 20 20 it in a while. I probably looked at it 21 Q. Have you ever done that? 21 for two minutes. 22 BY MR. SILVERSTEIN: 22 23 Q. You also indicated that you read 20 23 Q. And was there anything in particular 24 or 30 pages from Mr. Watt's deposition from 24 you were looking at? 25 yesterday. What -- in particular, what 25 A. No. Because I remember that you

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1	guys asked me in the first deposition about	1	pull up. It's tab two.
2	dates and when things were signed. And	2	(Exhibit 1 marked for identification)
3	honestly, I couldn't remember an exact date,	3	BY MR. SILVERSTEIN:
l .	and I didn't want to not have an answer for	-	Q. This is a document entitled "Master
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5	you. And I think it was April 4th that was	5	Creditors List." I can represent to you,
6	signed.	6	Mr. Pulaski, that it was filed on the docket
7	So, I was looking to see when it was	7	by the debtor on the first day of its first
8	signed.	8	bankruptcy filing, in North Carolina, on
9	Q. And you said you reviewed or at	9	October 14th 2021.
10	least looked at the plan that the debtor	10	It's a voluminous document. I'm
11	filed?	11	going to refer you to specific pages. I can
12		12	have Lexitas scroll down if you'd like. But
1	A. Again, probably for about two		
13	minutes.	13	just from looking at the first page, can you
14	Q. Was that the first time you had seen	14	•
15	the plan?	15	 A. I don't recall if I've seen the
16	A. No.	16	document or not, but I probably have seen it.
17	Q. And what were you looking at	17	Q. All right.
18	yesterday?	18	Do you have an understanding that
19	A. It was this morning.	19	that LTL, in its two bankruptcy cases, has
20	Q. I'm sorry. What were you looking at	20	• •
21	this morning?	21	in connection with its reporting
22	A. I just flipped through it.	22	responsibilities to the Bankruptcy Court?
1	, ,,	23	A. Yes.
23	Q. Did you look for, or at, anything in	24	
24	particular?		Q. And have you reviewed any of those
25	A. I looked at some of the points that	25	lists or schedules?
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And, Mr. Pulaski, I can represent to 2 you that Ms. Hardiman is the only claimant 3 identified in this Master Creditors List as 4 having been represented by your law firm, 5 based on a search of the word, "Pulaski." Is that -- is that consistent with 6 7 your recollection that as of October 14th 8 2021, your firm had one filed cosmetic talcum 9 powder case against Johnson & Johnson or its 10 affiliates?

11 MS. RASMUSSEN: Objection to 12 form.

> MR. MONTEFUSCO: Objection to the form of the question.

THE WITNESS: Well, we had thousands filed through other firms with Beasley Allen with joint ventures. But particularly with my firm as lead counsel,

19 I believe we had a handful.

If it was one, two, or three, I

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22 BY MR. SILVERSTEIN:

23 Q. Do you have any reason to believe it 24 was more than one?

A. I can't answer that question right

forth in Pulaski Exhibit 1?

MR. MONTEFUSCO: Objection to form. Asked and answered.

THE WITNESS: I can't answer your question, because I'd have to go look into the database and have someone pull information and tell you whether or not.

I can tell you it's -- like I said,

at most, we had a handful of cases filed.

BY MR. SILVERSTEIN: 10

11 Q. Are you able to identify any case, as you sit there today, that was filed as of 12 October 14th 2021, relating to cosmetic 13 talcum powder, other than this one for 15 Ms. Hardiman identified on Pulaski Exhibit 1?

A. As I sit here right this second?

17 Q. Yes.

A. No. Not without looking for it.

Q. And you could do a search in your 19 20 data -- withdrawn.

21 Could you do a search in your 22 database to determine how many cases were filed as of October 4th -- 14th 2021? 23

24 A. Yeah. I'd probably get my IT guy to 25 do that; but yeah.

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1 now. I just don't know.

2 Q. Do you have any reason to believe 3 that the debtor's records regarding cases 4 filed by your firm against Johnson & Johnson or any of its affiliates were incomplete or

6 inaccurate? 7

A. No.

8 Q. Do you accept the debtor's schedule 9 reflecting that there was one cosmetic talcum 10 powder case filed by your firm, as of

11 October 14th 2021, of which the debtor was 12 aware?

13 MR. MONTEFUSCO: Objection to 14 form.

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THE WITNESS: I can't tell you what they were aware of or not aware of. And if you are showing me there's one on here and that's what they are saying they were aware of, then I guess the document speaks for itself.

23 BY MR. SILVERSTEIN:

24 Q. And do you have any reason to 25 dispute any of the information that is set

MR. SILVERSTEIN: All right, Deane. You can pull that down. I'm going to ask Lexitas to put up on the screen, and to mark as Pulaski Exhibit 2. what Lexitas has as tab four. (Exhibit 2 marked for identification)

BY MR. SILVERSTEIN:

Q. And, Mr. Pulaski, I can represent to you that this is a document entitled "Schedules of Assets and Liabilities for LTL

Management LLC," that the debtor filed on the

docket of the first bankruptcy filing, as 12 docket number 450 -- I'm sorry. This is --13

14 all right. We'll use this document, then.

This will be Exhibit 2, as for -- in the second bankruptcy filing on May 5th 2023. Again, Mr. Pulaski, I can represent this is a -- a searchable document.

MR. SILVERSTEIN: I'm going to ask Lexitas to go to page 95. And this is the first page of Schedule E/F part two. A list of creditors who have non-priority unsecured claims, filed by LTL on

24 May 5th 2023.

I'm going to ask Lexitas to please

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1	confidential at this time, because they	1	A. I believe so.
2	were part of our confidential	2	Q. Have you read it
3	discussions.	3	A. I may have skipped the table of
4	But over the last week, there may	4	contents.
5	have been some additional discussions	5	Q. Have you read it more than once?
6	that I was not a part of, because I've	6	A. I have read the plan after filing at
7	been tied up on some other matters.	7	least once. And before filing, I obviously
8	BY MR. SILVERSTEIN:	8	looked at the Plan Support Agreement that we
9	Q. Is it fair that when you signed the	9	had signed.
10	Plan Support Agreement, you understood that	10	Q. Have you discussed the plan with
11	you were only agreeing to recommend to your	11	anybody?
12	clients support for a debtor plan, after it	12	A. I'm sure I have.
13	was satisfactorily negotiated to your and the	13	Q. Has anybody discussed with you what
14	other plan support signatories' satisfaction?	14	your clients would receive monetarily under
15	A. Yeah. Let me	15	the plan?
16	MS. RASMUSSEN: Objection to the	16	MR. HOFMEISTER: Objection, to
17	form of the question.	17	the extent it involves any privileged
18	THE WITNESS: Let me rephrase	18	discussions with the mediators.
19	it. Right.	19	Otherwise, you can answer.
20	It is it was my intention, when I	20	MR. SILVERSTEIN: Well, let's
21	signed this agreement, to suggest to my	21	start with yes or no.
22	clients to support the plan. And that is	22	BY MR. SILVERSTEIN:
23	still my intention.	23	Q. Has anybody discussed with you what
24	And throughout this process, we have	24	your clients should expect under the plan?
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Page 89 Page 91 1 1 women that we represent; their injuries; MR. SILVERSTEIN: All right. 2 2 what they have claimed; looking at cases I'm going to pass the witness on now to 3 3 as medical records come in. Mr. Golomb. 4 4 Again, going back to the fact that THE WITNESS: Thank you. 5 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Thank you, we closed 9,000 cases and we have 6,000 5 6 still open, it's a testament to the fact 6 Mr. Pulaski. 7 that we have been reviewing these and **EXAMINATION BY MR. GOLOMB:** 7 8 filtering out cases that we just don't Q. Good morning, Adam. 8 9 believe, in good faith, that we can 9 A. Good morning. 10 10 Q. I represent Brandy Carl, who is a pursue. 11 BY MR. SILVERSTEIN: member of the TCC, and I'm a TCC 11 Q. Do you have any understanding how 12 representative. 12 13 much a point under this plan is worth? 13 Did you read Jim Onder's testimony 14 A. My understanding is it's somewhere 14 last week? 15 between 58 cents and two dollars. And I can 15 A. I did not. 16 tell you that, you know, that's part of our 16 Q. Okay. Jim testified that his 17 discussions. Part of our discussion has to do understanding was that if it was a dollar a 17 18 with the points and issues we have with point, that the average case value under this 18 19 deductions for certain things. deal was \$114,000 a case. 19 20 Again, things that I believe that 20 Is that consistent with your 21 after negotiations will be changed and will be 21 understanding? 22 for the better. A. That would be kind of "averagey." 22 23 Q. So without disclosing anything 23 Yes. 24 specific, is it correct that the amount of 24 Q. What do you mean it would be kind of 25 25 compensation that claimants would receive is "averagey?" Page 90 Page 92 being -- is one of the things that's being 1 A. I mean, I don't -- I don't think negotiated right now? that we can predict an exact dollar amount 3 MR. HOFMEISTER: Objection, to without knowing the exact number of people 4 the extent it involves the disclosure of that are going to be involved. 5 any privileged or other communications 5 And I think we have estimates based that are covered by any discussions with 6 on years of gathering information and going 7 the committee -- ad hoc committee, or back as far as when I was in discussions with 8 Beasley Allen and JNJ, polling literally over during mediation. 9 firm in the country to figure out how many Otherwise, you can answer. 9 10 THE WITNESS: Again, I don't 10 cases there were, and everything else. 11 want to get into specifics of what's being 11 And so, as I sit here today, I can't discussed. I can just tell you that they 12 tell you if \$114 is -- I mean, if \$114,000 is 12 13 are -- and it's not to say that JNJ would 13 the right number. 14 agree to everything that we're asking for. 14 Q. Okay. But there are certain items in there, that 15 15 And you get a lot of information out of Needles of your case management system. 16 we are bringing up to them. 16 17 BY MR. SILVERSTEIN: 17 Correct? A. I do. Yes. 18 Q. When was the last time there was 18 19 a -- don't tell me what was said, but when was 19 Q. All right. 20 the last time there was a negotiating session 20 And so, you can do reports out of 21 with JNJ over the plan? Needles, that show as an example, how many

25 discussions sometime last week.

A. It is ongoing. I have been out of

23 town this week, and my recollection is, we had

24 a Zoom sometime last week. Or there were

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cases of yours were ovarian cancer cases.

A. Again, depending upon where the 25 information came from, right now, the data is Page 93

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1 stored in multiple different places within --

2 and depending upon where the data came from.

If it came from a medical record 3 4 that we review in-house. A medical record 5 that was reviewed by a nurse paralegal. A death certificate, or different places. 6

7 Some of them are in note fields, 8 where it's not easy to sort. All right? 9 Because it's not a check box. Some of it's in 10 check boxes. Some of it's in different 11 places.

12 So the bottom line answer is the 13 data is within the database. Pulling the 14 report is not as easy as just pressing a 15 button.

16 Q. By the way, when Adam Silverstein 17 went through with you the list of your cases 18 and he asked you about Lynn Hardiman; do you 19 recall that?

20 A. I do.

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21 Q. When he shared that, I had noticed 22 that Lynn Hardiman was there twice. Was 23 under -- one was under your firm and the other 24 was under Seeger Weiss.

Did you happen to notice that?

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specifically screen all of our clients and discuss that with them on the first several 3 phone calls, whether or not they have hired 4 other law firms.

5 To tell you whether or not do I have any other cases that are represented by other firms, at this time, if there are any, we have 7 already dealt with them that we know of. 8

And if there is any that we don't know of, obviously, I don't know of them at this point.

12 Q. When you say you dealt with, how do 13 you deal with it?

14 A. If we have a client that has hired 15 two firms, typically, I'll get on the phone with the client and then I'll get on the phone with the other firm, and we will try to work 17 something out where we are both not working on 18 19 the same case.

20 And one firm may take lead or just 21 take control of the litigation. And we would inform the client and discuss it with the 22 client and move from there. 23

24 Q. Okay. 25 Correct me if I'm wrong. You

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1 A. I did notice that.

2 Q. What, if anything, did you do, or 3 has your office done, to make sure that none 4 of your 6,200 or so cases are duplicates of 5 what other firms also have?

6 A. I can tell you that my firm 7 probably, more than almost any other firm in 8 the country, were very diligent in determining 9 whether or not we -- we sent videos out to our 10 clients -- I don't know that we have done it 11 in the talc case recently. It's kind of hard 12 since none of the cases have been able to be 13 filed over the last two years.

14 But, for instance, in other dockets, 15 you know, we are constantly asking our clients 16 to let us know if they have talked to any 17 other law firm; spoken to any other law firm; sent information to any other law firm; hired 18 19 any other law firm. 20

So that internally, we can deal with 21 an issue before it becomes a problem where we 22 have all worked on a case for three years and 23 we have wasted our time and money.

24 So, to answer your question, in 25 general, we are sending emails. We

indicated earlier in your deposition -- and I'm not going to -- I may drill down on some things but I'm not going to repeat.

A. That's fine.

5 Q. I think you said earlier in your deposition that you signed up your first -your first case that you kept, in-house, in 7 2019. 8

Is that right?

A. I believe that is the case.

11 Q. Right. When did you first -- when did you sign up your first talc case? 12

A. I want to say it was 2015 or 2016.

14 Q. Okay.

15 And so, between 2015 and 2019, that's when you -- you got these four to five thousand cases that you referred to Beasley 17 18 Allen and others?

A. Yeah. We had a joint venture 20 agreement with Beasley Allen on -- and I know this, because I just happened to see it as I was pulling numbers up this morning -- on some 23 fifteen to eighteen hundred cases, of which I

24 think 900-plus are still open in Beasley

25 Allen's office and the rest are closed.